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For : ***SPEECH SYNTHESIZING METHOD AND APPARATUS USING
PROSODY CONTROL (as amended)***

**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION
AFTER FINAL REJECTION
(37 C.F.R. § 1.116)**

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This Amendment and Request for Reconsideration is submitted in response to an outstanding Office Action dated March 24, 2004.

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